

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-8, 11, 12, 25 and 26 remain pending in this application. Claims 13-16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

35 U.S.C. §112 and Claim Objections

The claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to overcome the Examiner's rejections under these sections.

35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims without prejudice or disclaimer.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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